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In response to the office action mailed **September 10, 2002** in conjunction with the above-captioned patent application, and before the end of the three month shortened statutory time for reply, **December 10, 2002**, please reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following remarks and amendments.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A system for receiving a message from a calling party associated with a telephone